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"We think the words 'liberal' and 'evangelical' are quite poorly understood. Understanding them well makes it easier to see how they fit together naturally. We know these labels can become caricatures, so we use them advisedly. But they are ingrained in contemporary Christian life, and we need them both to express the richness of a profoundly traditional vision of Christian faith and church life."

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There exists a deep and broad population of Christians who feel the labels of "liberal" and "evangelical" both describe their faith and limit their expression of it. By working to reclaim the traditional, historical meanings of these terms, and showing how they complement rather than oppose each other, Wesley Wildman and Stephen Chapin Garner stake a claim for the moderate Christian voice in today's polarized society.

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